

U.S. Application No. 09/996,007  
Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2006

PATENT  
450101-03636

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Satoru Maeda, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/996,007  
For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS  
AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
Filed : November 28, 2001  
Examiner : David R. O'Steen  
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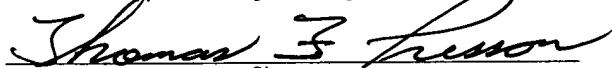
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September 1, 2006

Date of Signature

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2006, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension-of-time, extending the period for response to September 4, 2006 (September 3, 2006 being a Sunday). Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount

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of \$120.00 as payment of the extension-of-time fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.